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Humorous Mysteries



Notes

I've never known any trouble that an hour's reading didn't assuage. —Montesquieu—

Notes
Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life. —Joseph Addison—

Donna Andrews

- Meg Langslow: decorative blacksmith in a Southern town

Mignon F. Ballard

- Augusta Goodnight: a Guardian angel

Jo Bannister

- Primrose Holland: ex-pathologist turned advice columnist in England

Nancy Bartholomew

- Sierra Lavotini: Panama City, Florida stripper

Dan Barton

- Biff Kincaid: standup comic

M.C. Beaton

- Hamish Macbeth: police constable in Scotland
- Agatha Raisin: London advertising retiree living in the Cotswolds, England

Nancy Bell

- Biggie Weatherford and J.R. Weatherford: grandmother and grandson, in Job's Crossing, Texas

Carole Berry

- Bonnie Indermill: temp worker

Michael Bond

- Monsieur Pamplemousse and Pommes Frites: French food critic and amateur sleuth, and his dog, investigate

J.S. Borthwick

- Sarah Deane: an engaging amateur detective and graduate student from Boston

Lilian Jackson Braun

- Jim Qwilleran: journalist with cats Koko and Yum Yum, in Pickax, northeast central United States

Simon Brett

- Melita Pargeter: widow of a thief in England
- Charles Paris: charming alcoholic actor in England
- Carole Seddon: retiree in Fethering, England, in the Fethering

Mysteries

Steve Brewer

- Bubba Mabry: private investigator in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Don Bruns

- Skip Moore and James Lessor: best friends since grade school, in Florida

Ellen Byerrum

- Lacey Smithsonian: “Crime of Fashion” columnist

Sarah Caudwell

- Hilary Tamar: medieval law professor in Oxford, England

Meg Chittenden

- Charlie Plato: country-western tavern owner, in San Francisco, California

Jill Churchill

- Jane Jeffry: suburban housewife and sleuth in Chicago, Illinois

Harlan Coben

- Myron Bolitar: injured basketball player turned sports agent in New York City

Tim Cockey

- Hitchcock Sewell and his Aunt Billie: certified morticians in Baltimore, Maryland

Jeffrey Cohen

- Elliot Freed: recently divorced writer and proprietor of an old movie theater, in New Jersey, in the Double Feature mysteries

Jo Dereske

- Helma Zukas: librarian in Washington state

Ben Rehder

- John Marlin: game warden, and Herbert Mackey, a sheriff, in Blanco County, Texas

Ian Sansom

- Israel Armstrong: Jewish vegetarian from London, in charge of a mobile library in the village of Tumdrum, Northern Ireland, in the Mobile Library mysteries

Sarah Shankman

- Samantha Adams: crime reporter in Atlanta, Georgia

Sarah Strohmeier

- Bubbles Yablonsky: hairdresser and journalist in Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Kathy Hogan Trocheck

- Callahan Garrity: cleaning business owner in Atlanta, Georgia
- Eloise “Weezie” Foley: a recently divorced antique dealer, and BeBe Loudermilk, a triple-divorced restaurant owner, in Savannah, Georgia (as Mary Kay Andrews)

Elaine Viets

- Helen Hawthorne: who gave up her affluent lifestyle for a series of minimum-wage jobs in Florida, in the Dead End Job series
- Josie Marcus: undercover store spy in St. Louis, Missouri, in the Mystery Shopper series

Donald E. Westlake

- John Dortmunder: criminal master planner in New York City

R.D. Wingfield

- Jack Frost: detective inspector in Denton, England

Brian M. Wiprud

- Garth Carson: taxidermy dealer based in New York City

Tim Maleeny

- Cape Weathers: reporter turned private investigator, in San Francisco, California

Shane Maloney

- Murray Whelan: political aide in Australia

Susan McBride

- Andrea “Andy” Kendricks: 30-something webmaster who escaped her formal debut for art school in Chicago, returning to Dallas, Texas, in the Debutante Dropout mysteries

Sharyn McCrumb

- Elizabeth MacPherson: forensic anthropologist in southern USA
- Jay Omega: college professor and science-fiction author

Gregory McDonald

- Irwin M. “Fletch” Fletcher: reporter turned beach bum socialite in the United States

G.A. McKeveatt

- Savannah Reid: plus-sized private investigator in southern California

Katy Munger

- Casey Jones: unlicensed private eye in North Carolina

Leslie O’Kane

- Molly Masters: cartoonist and greeting card entrepreneur, in Albany, New York

Barbara Neely

- Blanche White: a middle-aged domestic worker turned sleuth

Elizabeth Peters

- Vicky Bliss: American art historian in Bavaria, Germany
- Jacqueline Kirby: middle-aged librarian
- Amelia Peabody: Victorian feminist Egyptologist from Kent, England

Ruth Dudley Edwards

- Robert Amiss: retired civil servant in England

Selma Eichler

- Desiree Shapiro: 5' 2" queen-sized private investigator in New York City

Janet Evanovich

- Stephanie Plum: bounty hunter in Trenton, New Jersey

Liz Evans

- Grace Smith: private investigator in Seatoun, England
- Jasper Fforde
- Thursday Next: agent of the Special Operations Network, Literary Division, in Great Britain a funny sci-fi, alternate history series
 - Detective Jack Spratt: investigator in the Nursery Crimes Division, in Reading, England

Bill Fitzhugh

- Rick Shannon: FM rock disc jockey and private investigator in the Mississippi Delta

Kinky Friedman

- Kinky Friedman: country-western singer turned sleuth, in New York City

Eric Garcia

- Vince Rubio: velociraptor and private investigator, in Los Angeles, California

Anne George

- Patricia Anne “Mouse” Hollowell: retired English teacher, and Mary Alice “Sister” Crane, who out-lived three husbands, in Alabama, in the Southern Sisters mysteries

Dorothy Gilman

- Mrs. Pollifax: grandmother and CIA agent in New Jersey

Peter Guttridge

- Nick Madrid: freelance journalist

Parnell Hall

- Cora Felton: crossword creator with a nationally-syndicated column in Bakerhaven, Connecticut, in the Puzzle Lady mysteries
- Stanley Hastings: actor and private investigator in New York City

Rosemary Harris

- Paula Holliday: 30-ish former TV executive who opens a landscaping-gardening business in Springfield, Connecticut, in the Dirty Business mysteries

Carolyn Hart

- Annie Laurance: mystery book store owner, and Max Darling, investigator, in Broward's Rock, South Carolina, in the Death on Demand series

Sparkle Hayter

- Robin Hudson: cable news reporter in New York City

Lauren Henderson

- Samantha "Sam" Jones, sculptor in London

Joan Hess

- Arly Hanks: small-town police chief in Maggody, Arkansas
- Claire Malloy: small-town bookstore owner in Farberville, Arkansas

Carl Hiaasen

- Non-series books set in Florida

Steve Hockensmith

- Otto "Big Red" and Gustav "Old Red" Amlingmeyer: brother in 1890s Montana, who become interested in being detectives after reading a Sherlock Holmes story, in the Holmes on the Range series

Sue Ann Jaffarian

- Odelia Grey: plus-sized, middle-aged paralegal, in southern California

Sharon Kahn

- Ruby Rothman, rabbi's widow in Eternal, Texas

Marshall Karp

- Mike Lomax and Terry Biggs: police detectives in Los Angeles, California

Marne Davis Kellogg

- Lilly Bennett: ex-cop private investigator in Roundup, Wyoming

Kate Kingsbury

- Lady Elizabeth Hartleigh Compton: in Sitting Marsh, England during WWII, in the Manor House mysteries

Rita Lakin

- Gladdy Gold: Florida's Oldest Private Eye and her gang of retirees, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Laura Levine

- Jaine Austin: freelance writer in Los Angeles, California

Dick Lochte

- Serendipity Dahlquist: gum-snapping 15-year-old girl, and Leo Bloodworth, a grumpy 50-something private investigator, in Los Angeles, California

Lisa Lutz

- Isabelle "Izzy" Spellman: 28-year old sleuth working for her parents' private investigation firm, in San Francisco, California

Charlotte MacLeod

- Max Bittersohn: art detective, and his socially connected wife, Sarah Kelling, in Boston, Massachusetts
- Peter Shandy: college botany professor, and Helen Marsh Shandy, a librarian, in Balaclava County, Massachusetts
- Dittany Henbit Monk: garden club member, and her husband Osbert Monk, an author, in Lobelia Falls, Ontario, Canada, in the Grub-and-Stakers series (as Alisa Craig)
- Madoc Rhys: Royal Canadian Mounted Police inspector, and his wife Janet Rhys, in New Brunswick, Canada (as Alisa Craig)

Mary Jane Maffini

- Camilla MacPhee: who runs an advocacy agency for victims of violent crime, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada